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MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

TO: All Technology Assisted Waiver providers
participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance
Program

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SUBJECT: Update to the Technology Assisted Waiver Manual, Appendix D

MEMO: Update

DATE: 10/1/2010

The purpose of this memorandum is to update providers on the changes to the Appendix D of the Technology Assisted Waiver Manual. The attached table shows the changes. Please download the new appendix to insert into your provider manual and retain the attached table.

Amendments to Appendix D provide:

- Update on service authorization: DMAS is strongly encouraging Technology Assisted waiver providers to use KePRO's iEXCHANGE system (direct data entry) when submitting service authorization requests.
- How to register and obtain a password.
- Information regarding ongoing iEXCHANGE training.
- DMAS terminology changes to include replacing "recipient", "enrollee", and "client" with "member" and changing "prior authorization" to "service authorization".
- Implementation date: 10/1/10

Please review the Appendix D changes carefully.

VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the ACS Web Portal Support Helpdesk, toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE REMITTANCE ADVICES

In an effort to reduce operating expenditures, requests for duplicate provider remittance advices will no longer be printed and mailed free of charge. Duplicate remittance advices will be processed and sent via secure email. A processing fee for generating duplicate paper remittance advices will be applied to paper requests, effective July 1, 2009.

ELIGIBILITY VENDORS

DMAS has contracts with the following eligibility verification vendors offering internet real-time, batch and/or integrated platforms. Eligibility details such as eligibility status, third party liability, and service limits for many service types and procedures are available. Contact information for each of the vendors is listed below.

Passport Health Communications, Inc. www.passporthealth.com sales@passporthealth.com Telephone: 1 (888) 661-5657	SIEMENS Medical Solutions – Health Services Foundation Enterprise Systems/HDX www.hdx.com Telephone: 1 (610) 219-2322	Emdeon www.emdeon.com Telephone: 1 (877) 363-3666
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ALTERNATE METHODS TO LOOK UP INFORMATION

Starting August 1, 2009, DMAS authorized users will have the additional capability to look up service limits by entering a procedure code with or without a modifier. Any procedure code entered must be part of a current service limit edit to obtain any results. The service limit information returned will pertain to all procedure codes used in that edit and not only for the one procedure code that is entered. This is to enhance the current ability to request service limits by Service Type, e.g., substance abuse, home health, etc. Please refer to the appropriate Provider Manual for the specific service limit policies.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Refer to the “DMAS Content Menu” column on the left-hand side of the DMAS web page for the “Provider Services” link, which takes you to the “Manuals, Memos and Communications” link. This link opens up a page that contains all of the various communications to providers, including Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 1-804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates that are requested.

“HELPLINE”

The “HELPLINE” is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

Attached Number of Pages: (1)

**TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED WAIVER MANUAL
REVISION CHART
October 1, 2010**

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

MANUAL SECTION	MATERIAL REVISED	NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)	REVISED PAGE(S)	REVISION DATE
Appendix D	Appendix D	Entire Section	Appendix D	10/1/2010

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL SECTION	DISCARD	INSERT	OTHER INSTRUCTIONS
Appendix D	Old Appendix D	New Appendix D	